



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 29, 2010 Released August 30, 2010 Volume 10 Number 26

CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.9
Soil moisture supplies: 8% very short, 24% short, 55% adequate and 13% surplus

Field Crops Report
Early in the week high temperatures held on across the state. Toward the end of the week rain in many areas brought cooler temperatures. Statewide precipitation for the week averaged 1.36 inches. Corn harvested reached 94 percent, 20 points ahead of the five-year average. Cotton harvest began earlier than normal. Good weather aided the rice harvest in most areas. Rice harvest reached 67 percent, 3 points ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum harvested climbed to 85 percent, 16 points ahead of the five-year average. Some soybean fields were sprayed for light insect pressure. Soybeans harvested reached 25 percent, 8 points ahead of the five-year average. Sugarcane producers made good progress toward completion of planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Vegetable producers prepared land for strawberry crops and planted fall crops, including cabbage. Some tomato fields were sprayed for insects. Cucumbers and okra were harvested. Citrus producers scouted for insects and diseases.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen checked daily for armyworm infestations in some pastures. Many producers were underway with a third cutting of hay. In the northeast corner of Louisiana, producers were concerned that they won't have enough hay for winter.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2009 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn | Harvested | 94 | 82 | 70 | 74 |
| Cotton | Bolls Open | 75 | 69 | 56 | 55 |
| | Harvested | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hay | Second cutting | 95 | 92 | 81 | 89 |
| Rice | Headed | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| | Ripe | 88 | 79 | 92 | 90 |
| | Harvested | 67 | 40 | 64 | 64 |
| Sorghum | Mature | 100 | 96 | 95 | 92 |
| | Harvested | 85 | 77 | 66 | 69 |
| Soybeans | Setting Pods | 99 | 96 | 100 | 99 |
| | Turning Color | 67 | 61 | 58 | 61 |
| | Dropping Leaves | 48 | 38 | 38 | 44 |
| | Harvested | 25 | 16 | 11 | 17 |
| Sugarcane | Planted | 44 | 30 | 45 | 41 |
| Sweet potatoes | Harvested | 4 | 0 | 7 | 8 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Cotton | 1 | 14 | 29 | 50 | 6 |
| Rice | 0 | 2 | 25 | 56 | 17 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 8 | 31 | 51 | 9 |
| Sugarcane | 1 | 7 | 22 | 38 | 32 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 1 | 3 | 34 | 61 | 1 |
| Livestock | 0 | 5 | 40 | 46 | 9 |
| Vegetables | 7 | 22 | 48 | 23 | 0 |
| Pasture | 2 | 11 | 42 | 38 | 7 |

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/23/10 TO 08/29/10

| | AIR | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| | MAX | TEMPERATURE MIN | AVE | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 100 | 63 | 82 | 81 | 0.82 | 0.99 | 18.62 | 34.49 |
| Minden | 98 | 66 | 82 | 80 | 0.32 | 3.11 | 24.74 | 36.90 |
| Mooringsport | (103) | 59 | 82 | MM | 1.19 | 1.67 | 27.52 | 30.58 |
| Extreme/Average | 103 | 59 | 82 | 81 | 0.78 | 1.92 | 23.63 | 35.16 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 98 | 64 | 81 | 81 | 0.69 | 7.74 | 24.94 | 37.64 |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 98 | (57) | 80 | 80 | 0.33 | 2.86 | 26.78 | 37.01 |
| ULM-Monroe | 99 | 63 | 82 | 81 | 0.12 | 1.45 | 26.30 | 39.11 |
| Columbia Lock | 100 | 68 | 83 | MM | 0.00 | 1.23 | 19.50 | 40.90 |
| Extreme/Average | 100 | 57 | 81 | 81 | 0.29 | 3.32 | 24.38 | 38.26 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 99 | 69 | 82 | 81 | 2.06 | 3.24 | 21.71 | 40.34 |
| LSU-St Joseph | 99 | 67 | 83 | 81 | 1.54 | 6.02 | 27.25 | 39.06 |
| LSU-Winnsboro | 99 | 67 | 84 | 81 | 0.01 | 4.82 | 22.25 | 38.57 |
| Tallulah | 98 | 68 | 82 | 80 | 0.89 | 3.77 | 26.62 | 40.24 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 67 | 83 | 81 | 1.13 | 4.46 | 24.46 | 39.46 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 101 | 64 | 83 | 80 | 0.01 | 1.36 | 22.41 | 38.16 |
| LSU-Rosepine | 100 | 68 | 84 | 81 | 0.00 | 3.80 | 29.77 | 39.06 |
| Natchitoches | 102 | 70 | 85 | 82 | 1.11 | 2.38 | 22.25 | 36.94 |
| Extreme/Average | 102 | 64 | 83 | 81 | 0.01 | 2.58 | 22.41 | 37.53 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 101 | 71 | 85 | 82 | 1.93 | 4.39 | 32.39 | 40.19 |
| Bunkie | 99 | 68 | 83 | 81 | 0.34 | 10.53 | 40.50 | 41.30 |
| LSU-Alexandria | 99 | 70 | 84 | 81 | 1.48 | 4.90 | 31.04 | 38.55 |
| Extreme/Average | 101 | 68 | 84 | 81 | 1.25 | 6.61 | 34.64 | 40.55 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Franklinton 5SW | 97 | 69 | 81 | MM | 3.67 | 7.53 | 39.72 | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge | 95 | 69 | 82 | 81 | 1.29 | 8.58 | 35.51 | 42.98 |
| Amite | 96 | 68 | 82 | 80 | 1.00 | 8.88 | 40.26 | 46.32 |
| LSU-Hammond | 95 | 67 | 81 | 81 | 2.95 | 10.19 | 36.18 | 45.33 |
| Slidell | 93 | 69 | 80 | 81 | 4.93 | 12.68 | 51.02 | 44.20 |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 67 | 81 | 81 | 2.77 | 9.57 | 40.54 | 45.13 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| DeRidder | 98 | 72 | 85 | 81 | 0.00 | 2.80 | 31.41 | 40.37 |
| Jennings | 96 | 71 | 84 | 81 | 0.37 | 9.73 | 37.31 | 39.69 |
| LSU-Crowley | 96 | 70 | 83 | 81 | 0.11 | 5.20 | 33.16 | 40.72 |
| Extreme/Average | 98 | 70 | 84 | 82 | 0.16 | 5.91 | 33.96 | 40.82 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 94 | 70 | 81 | 82 | 1.90 | 8.27 | 38.32 | 42.58 |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 94 | 71 | 82 | 81 | 1.30 | 6.24 | 42.97 | 42.98 |
| Morgan City | 94 | 73 | 83 | 81 | 1.86 | 9.72 | 30.06 | 44.83 |
| Extreme/Average | 94 | 70 | 82 | 82 | 1.69 | 8.08 | 37.12 | 43.49 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 96 | 75 | 82 | 81 | 7.38 | 13.91 | 47.80 | 46.33 |
| Houma | 98 | 71 | 83 | 82 | 2.77 | 8.21 | 39.85 | 44.89 |
| Terrytown 3S | 96 | 76 | 84 | MM | 2.08 | 7.32 | 43.49 | MM.MM |
| Reserve | MM | MM | MM | 81 | 1.98 | 7.38 | 41.32 | 45.85 |
| Extreme/Average | 98 | 71 | 83 | 82 | 4.08 | 9.81 | 43.71 | 44.78 |
| State | | | | | | | | |
| Extremes/Averages | 103 | 57 | 83 | 81 | 1.36 | 6.01 | 32.38 | 40.75 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through August 29, 2010

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